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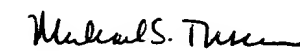
The above amendments update the continuing application information, add the paper copy of the sequence listing to the specification and amend the specification to reflect the SEQ ID NOS. Respectfully, no new matter is added by these amendments. If there are any other filing or claim fees due in connection with the filing of this preliminary amendment, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for any extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account. The Examiner is invited to telephone either of the undersigned if a discussion might expedite placing the claims in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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